

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for applying a strip material to a web, comprising:
 - an applicator wheel;
 - a guide member to provide a path for said strip material; and
 - 5 a guide sensor to detect the position of said strip material;
 - wherein the web comprises an organic photoconductor material.
2. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 1, in which ~~the web contains an organic photoconductor material~~ said strip material comprises a code strip.
3. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 1, in which said applicator wheel contains vacuum ports along the circumference of said applicator wheel.
4. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 2, in which said applicator wheel contains vacuum ports along the circumference of said applicator wheel.
5. - 6. (Cancelled)
7. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 3, in which said strip material comprises a code strip.

8. (Currently Amended) The apparatus according to claim 4, in which XY patterns are located on said code strip ~~said strip material comprises a code strip.~~

9. (Currently Amended) A method for applying a strip material to a web, comprising the steps of:

- (a) feeding a length of strip material into an initial guide member;
- (b) transporting said strip material towards an applicator wheel;
- 5 (c) detecting the position of said strip material;
- (d) aligning said strip material with the a bottom surface of an organic photoconductor web; and
- (e) securing said strip material to said surface of said organic photoconductor web.

10. (Original) The method according to claim 9, in which step (b) includes aligning said strip material for placement over vacuum ports on the surface of said applicator wheel.

11. (Original) A method for applying a strip material to an organic photoconductor web, comprising the steps of:

- (a) feeding a length of strip material into an initial guide member;
- (b) transporting said strip material towards an applicator wheel;
- 5 (c) detecting the position of said strip material;
- (d) aligning said strip material with the surface of said organic photoconductor web;
- (e) securing said strip material to said surface of said organic photoconductor web.

12. (Original) The method according to claim 11, in which step (b) includes aligning said strip material for placement over vacuum ports on the surface of said applicator wheel.

13. (Currently Amended) A method for applying a code strip material to a web, comprising the steps of:

- (a) feeding a length of code strip material into an initial guide member;
- (b) transporting said code strip material towards an applicator wheel;
- 5 (c) detecting the position of said code strip material;
- (d) aligning said code strip material with the surface of an organic photoconductor web; and
- (e) securing said code strip material to said surface of said organic photoconductor web.

14. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, in which said strip material comprises a code strip made of polymer material with fiduciary markings formed photographically ~~step (c) includes securing said code strip material with an adhesive material.~~

15. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 14, in which XY patterns are located on said code strip ~~said adhesive material is a pressure-sensitive adhesive.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, in which a guide sensor detects the position of said code strip material.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 13, in which step (e) is followed by a step of forming a loop from said web material.

18. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, in which said loop contains a welded seam.

19. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 17, in which said loop contains a splice.

20. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 18, in which said strip material is not adhered to the portion of said web that later contains a welded seam.

21. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 19 in which the strip material is not adhered to the portion of said web that is later spliced.

22. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for applying a guide band to a web, comprising:

- an applicator wheel;
- a guide member to provide a path for said guideband; and
- a guide sensor to detect the position of said guideband;
- wherein the web comprises an organic photoconductor material.

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23. (Cancelled)

24. (Original) The apparatus according to claim 22, in which said applicator wheel contains vacuum ports along the circumference of said applicator wheel.

25. (Cancelled)

26. (Currently Amended) A method for applying a guideband to a web, comprising the steps of:

- (a) feeding a length of guideband into an initial guide member;
- (b) transporting said guideband towards an applicator wheel;
- 5 (c) detecting the position of said guideband;
- (d) aligning said guideband with the surface of an organic photoconductor web;
- (e) securing said guideband to said surface of said organic photoconductor web.

27. (Original) The method according to claim 26, in which step (b) includes aligning said strip material for placement over vacuum ports on the surface of said applicator wheel.

28. (Original) A method for applying a guideband to an organic photoconductor web, comprising the steps of:

- (a) feeding a length of guideband into an initial guide member;
- (b) transporting said guideband towards an applicator wheel;
- 5 (c) detecting the position of said guideband;
- (d) aligning said guideband with the surface of said organic photoconductor web;
- (e) securing said guideband to said surface of said organic photoconductor web.

29. (Original) The method according to claim 28, in which step (b) includes aligning said strip material for placement over vacuum ports on the surface of said applicator wheel.

30. (Currently Amended) A method for applying a guideband to a web, comprising the steps of:

- (a) feeding a length of guideband into an initial guide member;
- (b) transporting said guideband towards an applicator wheel;

- 5 (c) detecting the position of said guideband;
(d) aligning said guideband with the surface of an organic photoconductor web;
(e) securing said guideband to said surface of said organic photoconductor web.

31. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 30₁ in which step (e) includes securing said guideband with an adhesive material.

32. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 31₁ in which said adhesive material is a pressure-sensitive adhesive.

33. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 30₁ in which a guide sensor detects the position of said guideband.

34. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 30₁ in which step (e) is followed by a step of forming a loop from said organic photoconductor web material.

35. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 34₁ in which said loop contains a welded seam.

36. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 34₁ in which said loop contains a splice.

37. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 35₁ in which said guideband is not adhered to the portion of said organic photoconductor web that later contains a welded seam.

38. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 36, in which said guideband is not adhered to the portion of said organic photoconductor web that is later spliced.